THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI):: (a) and (b) Certain amendments suggested by BIFR to the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 have been noted for consideration whenever amendments pertaining to the Act are taken up.

Banking the export of Chromite

975. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received from State Governments for banning the export of chromite;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) anl (b) The Chief Minister of Orissa had written to the Minister of Steel and Mines requesting for a ban on export of Chrome Ore from Orissa in view of the limited reserves.

(c) It would not be advisable to totally ban export of Chrome ore. However, restriction both in respect of specifications and quantity of export imposed. Export of (i) Chrome Ore Lumps with Cr_2O_3 not exceeding 38 per cent, and

(ii) Low Silica Friable/Fine Ore with Cr_2O_3 not exceeding 52 per cent and Silica exceeding 4 per cent, is allowed through MMTC Chrome Ore and Concentrates of specifications other than these are banned for export.

976. [*Transferred to the 21st May, 1990*].

लेखा परीक्षा तथा केन्द्रीय राजस्व के निदेशक का पाकिस्तान का दौरा

977. **श्रीमती सत्या बहिन** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिसम्बर, 1989 में लेखा परीक्षा तथा केन्द्रीय राजस्व-II (डीएसीआर) के निदेशक को किस प्रयोजन तथा कितनी अवधि के लिए पाकिस्तान भेजा गया ; और

(ख) क्या वह सरकारी कार्य के पूरा हो जाने के पश्चात् भी पाकिस्तान रुके थे ; यदि हां, तो कितनी अवधि तथा किस प्रयोजन के लिए रुके थे ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री अनिल शास्त्री) : (क) लेखा परीक्षा तथा केन्द्रीय राजस्व II के निदेशक को मिशनों (इस्लामाबाद और कराची) तथा इण्डियन एयरलाइन्स स्टेशनों (कराची और लाहौर) की स्थानीय लेखा परीक्षा के लिए लेखा परीक्षा दल के प्रमुख के रूप में भेजा गया था । उन्होंने 6 दिसम्बर, 1989 से 5 जनवरी, 1990 तक लेखा परीक्षा दल के कार्य का पर्यवेक्षण किया ।

(ख) जी हां, इण्डियन एयरलाइन्स की उड़ानें रद्द हो जाने तथा पी० आई० ए० के वायुयानों में सीटें उपलब्ध न होने के कारण निदेशक सहित लेखा परीक्षा दल को दो दिन अर्थात् 5 और 6 जनवरी, 1990 को लाहौर में मजबूरन रुकना पड़ा । वे 7-1-1990 को भारत वापस आये ।

Enquiry against suspended employees of Indian Institute of foreign trade

978. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade who are under suspension for more than five years;

(b) the reasons for keeping them under suspension for such a long

period ignoring Government directives on the subject and not revoking the suspension order even after initiation of enquiry proceedings;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Institute has engaged a retired Government official to conduct the enquiry in some cases;

(d) if so, the date of his engagement and progress made so far in each case;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the said enquiry officer holds the enquiry only on holidays with long intervals; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the remedial steps taken by Government to avoid undue hardship to the suspended officials and loss to the organisation by paying the suspended official without their doing any work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) 1 (One).

(b) Suspension continues on account of the charged officials' non-cooperative attitude in completing the enquiry. He filed a suit for declaration & injunction in the court against the enquiry in 1985. For some intervening period, the court had stayed the enquiry. Even after vacation of the injunction in May, 1988, the enquiry could not proceed because the charged officer has been obstructing the enquiry proceedings on one pretext or the other including allegations of bias against almost all persons connected with the enquiry because of which enquiry officer had to be changed three times.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. To meet the allegation of bias, a retired officer (formerly Under Secretary, Vigilance in Government of India) was appointed as Enquiry Officer on 4-11-1988. The Enquiry Oficer has conducted 23 hearings so far.

(e) and (f) The proceedings have been convened by the Enquiry Officer on a weekly basis on a mutually agreed day, Saturday, with prior intimation to the charged official, Defence Assistant and Presenting Officer mainly with a view to expediting the enquiry. The Government is keen to complete the enquiry early but due to the non-cooperative attitude of the charged officer, the enquiry has been delayed.

सीमा शुल्क सदनों से खरीद

979. **डा० अबरार अहमद खान** : क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सीमा शुल्क सदनों के गोदामों से सामान की खरीद कर सकने वाले व्यक्तियों तथा उनके द्वारा पूरी की जाने वाली औपचारिकताओं और उन व्यक्तियों की श्रेणियों के संबंध में, जो छूट के पात्र हैं तथा उनके द्वारा प्राप्त की जाने वाली छूट के स्वरूप के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सीमा शुल्क की दुकानों से कुछ अधिकारियों को कुछ हथियार बेचे गए हैं; यदि हां, तो ऐसे अधिकारियों के नाम क्या हैं तथा उन्हें किस-किस प्रकार के हथियार किन-किन मूल्यों पर बेचे गए ;

(ग) इस समय सीमा शुल्क की दुकानों पर उपलब्ध हथियारों के नाम क्या हैं तथा वे संसद सदस्यों को किस मूल्य पर बेचे जाते हैं तथा सरकार को ये हथियार किस लागत पर उपलब्ध होते हैं ; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि सीमा शुल्क की दुकानों में संसद-सदस्य के लिए एक साधारण रिवाल्वर का बिक्री-मूल्य रु० 40,000 है ; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री अनिल शास्त्री) : (क) अभिगृहीत/